

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 17 and 30 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims, showing the changes made hereto, is attached.

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17. (Twice Amended) A laser oscillating apparatus comprising:
a gas supply path structure of a convergent-divergent nozzle type,
including a fluid inlet into which a laser gas is made to flow, a throat portion for
controlling a flow speed of said laser gas less than a speed of sound, and a fluid outlet of
which said laser gas from said throat portion is made to flow out; and
a waveguide unit for guiding microwave into said gas supply path
structure,
wherein the laser oscillating apparatus is an excimer laser oscillating
apparatus.

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30. (Twice Amended) A laser oscillating apparatus comprising: a gas
supply structure group including a plurality of connected convergent-divergent nozzles,
said nozzle each comprising a fluid inlet into which a laser gas is made to flow, a throat
portion for controlling a flow speed of said laser gas, and a fluid outlet of which said laser
gas from said throat portion is made to flow out; and
a waveguide unit for guiding microwave into said gas supply path
structure group,